

# DEATH OF EX-SPEAKER REED. GRIDIRON CLUB GIVES FIRST DINNER OF SEASON

After a consultation the next morning they discovered evidence of catarrhal appendicitis, and so diagnosed Mr. Reed's complaint.

The serious nature of his illness was then apparent, and Mrs. Reed and Miss Reed were informed, and they hurried to Washington. The symptoms of appendicitis had abated by Thursday morning, but serious kidney complications were manifested, and there were some signs of uraemic poisoning. It was then that Dr. W. C. Goodnow, of Philadelphia, an expert in uraemia, was summoned. After a consultation with Dr. Gardner and Dr. Macdonald, he stated that all was being done for Mr. Reed that could be, and recommended a continuation of the treatment.

By this time it was evident that the real danger was from uraemic poisoning and not appendicitis, which had merely brought to the surface an acute attack of kidney trouble, from which Mr. Reed has suffered in the past.

## Lost Forty Pounds.

Aware of the existence of Bright's disease in a mild form, Mr. Reed had been under a form of treatment and diet for some time, and when he came to Washington he explained his loss of flesh by saying that he had been taking particularly good care of himself, and had lost forty pounds by a strict regimen.

With the appearance of uraemic acid in the blood, Mr. Reed began to show signs of uraemic coma, and as early as Friday he became unconscious, but perceptibly improved during the day, and his mind became clear. His temperature decreased, and his general condition indicated an improvement.

The physicians recognized Friday night, however, that Mr. Reed's condition was critical. This change came yesterday morning, the uraemic symptoms becoming very marked about 9 o'clock, at which time he was given a saline injection for the purpose of stimulating the kidneys to action. A second injection was given within an hour, and during the day oxygen gas was constantly administered. He continued to grow worse during the afternoon, and about 5 o'clock two more transfusions of salt were given, making in all about three quarts that were administered.

His heart became weaker and weaker, notwithstanding the treatment, and it was at this hour that the physicians told Mrs. Reed that they feared that Mr. Reed could not recover. They summoned Dr. Goodnow by telegraph and continued the application of oxygen gas.

## End Near at Hand.

Shortly after 9 o'clock Dr. Goodnow reached the hotel and there was another consultation in the sick room. Mr. Reed, though conscious at this time, was not aware of his condition. It was the opinion of the physicians that the end was but a few hours off.

At 10:30 the patient became unconscious, and this condition was immediately followed by a pronounced form of uraemic coma. The coma lasted from 11 o'clock until midnight, when Mr. Reed died.

Announcement was immediately made throughout the hotel of the death of the famous statesman, and there were many expressions of sympathy from public men who had waited in the corridors for the last bulletin from the sick chamber.

Assistant Secretary of the Navy Darling remarked upon the fact that he was the last person to transact public business with Mr. Reed.

"I was here the evening that he was taken ill," said Mr. Darling, "and I noticed then that he seemed unwell. He did not look well, and he was complaining that he was compelled to wait over in Washington to attend to some business when it was his wish to return to New York. He said he had had an attack of indigestion, but thought he would be better in the morning."

## GRIDIRON DINNER IN

### PROGRESS WHEN END CAME

Mr. Reed died just at the moment when the Gridiron Club's December dinner, to which he had been invited, was closing.

At the very instant the life of this remarkable man ended he was being eulogized in the dining room of the hotel by the organization which he had so often honored by his presence.

The dinner was at its end. During its progress apprehension concerning Mr. Reed's condition was general, but there was no reference to it until midnight. Then John M. Carson, of the "Philadelphia Public Ledger" and "New York Times," the oldest living ex-president of the club, paid a touching tribute to the statesman passing away, and the Hon. Joseph G. Cannon followed with a brief but feeling speech in which he referred to the dying statesman as the most remarkable man he had known—an incomparable combination of ability and courage. Then the large company of Gridiron members and guests rose and drank the health of the dying Speaker. And that was the moment when in a room above the banquet hall he died.

Herman Morrell was singing the beautiful "Song that Reached My Heart" when the news of the death of the great Speaker reached the banquet hall. It was a tenderly touching circumstance, recalling the "Nearer, My God, to Thee" of the Buffalo tragedy of last year.

While the last notes of Morrell's robust but tender song were ringing in the great dining room, the company knew that Reed, the great Reed, was no more. And no dinner ever given in this city had a more dramatic end.

## A Loyal Member.

Mr. Reed held the record for attendance at these dinners. He was closely followed by Senator Gorman. But Mr. Reed had attended more dinners than any man not a member, and loved to call himself a member. He was always sarcastic in his comments, and mercilessly "roasted" the club in all his speeches. He was, nevertheless, hugely popular with the organization.

Some years ago he was given a leather medal for having eaten more at the expense of the club than any other man, to which he responded in a deliciously satirical speech.

On another occasion he was presented

by the club with a revolver, criticized for being ineffective with the gavel, and told to "get busy" with the sterner implement.

As the members of the club and their guests, including many notables, came away from the tables the death of the Speaker was the only subject of conversation. Forming in little groups all discussed the departed statesman, and in terms of the warmest admiration and affection.

Many Senators and members who had been his devoted associates, supporters and familiars spoke of the man gone, and it was an hour before the last of the guests went away.

The demise of the ex-Speaker affected all others at the Arlington as it did those at this notable dinner, and deep regret was everywhere manifested, and high tributes paid by every person who mentioned his name.

## All Was Over.

The physicians who had been at the bedside of the dying man, and faithfully fought first to preserve and next to prolong his life came down just as the people were dispersing, and joined with the others in expressions of deep sorrow. They had done their utmost, and they received thanks, mingled with tears, for their earnest and unavailing efforts.

About the corridors of the hotel were some of the most prominent men in Washington, including Senators Allison, Hanna, and Alger, President Carter of the St. Louis Exposition, Speaker Henderson, next Speaker Cannon, General Wood, General Corbin, Mr. Babcock, and many others.

## CAREER OF THE LATE

### THOMAS BRACKETT REED

Thomas Brackett Reed was born October 30, 1839, in Portland, Me. He received his early education in the common schools of his native city, and at the age of seventeen entered Bowdoin College, from which institution he was graduated in 1860. While a student at the college he won the highest honors and a prize for excellence in English composition. Four years after his graduation Mr. Reed was a school teacher, at the same time studying law and preparing for his admission to the bar. Before he had completed his course, however, he was appointed acting assistant paymaster of the United States Navy, serving on the "tin-clad" Sybil, which patrolled uneventfully on the Tennessee, Cumberland, and Mississippi Rivers.

Mr. Reed never boasted of his war record, but frequently joked of his experience. He remained in the service, however, until November 4, 1865, when he returned to Portland. Again taking up his legal studies, he was admitted to the bar and entered upon the practice of his profession. Three years later he was elected as a Republican to the lower house of the Maine Legislature, where, in the course of his first term, he succeeded in having passed a bill giving a superior court to the county of Cumberland. In 1869 he was re-elected to the house and in 1870 was chosen State senator, from which position he was elevated the same year to the position of attorney general of his State. He retired from office after an efficient service and in 1873 and for four years thereafter was solicitor for the city of Portland.

## First Term in Congress.

In the fall election in 1876 Mr. Reed was a candidate for Congress and was successful. He took his seat in the Forty-fifth Congress and was brought into prominence by a speech—one of the two formal ones which he ever delivered—in which he argued against the payment of damages by the United States for injuries to William and Mary College at the hands of United States troops in the civil war. The subsequent policy of the Government in relation to war claims was largely determined by the defeat of this measure, to which Mr. Reed signally contributed.

Mr. Reed was re-elected to each succeeding Congress, and in 1898 resigned after having been elected to the Fifty-sixth Congress. In the Forty-sixth Congress his skill as a debater first began to be generally recognized, especially so in a speech which he delivered in defense of United States marshals at elections in the South. In the Forty-seventh Congress he was chairman of the Judiciary Committee and introduced the bill which provided for the distribution of the balance of the Geneva awards. His influence each year becoming more strongly marked, the leadership of his party in the House was finally conceded to him and in the Forty-ninth and Fiftieth Congresses the complimentary nomination for the Speakership was tendered to him by the Republican.

## Election to Speakership.

In the Fifty-first Congress the Republicans obtained control of the House by a small majority, and Mr. Reed was elected Speaker on the first ballot. In the first days of his administration of the office much opposition was made by the minority to the enforcement of what Mr. Reed believed to be his right to count members in the House as participating in a vote, despite their refusal to exercise that privilege. The

## CAN WRITE THEM.

Calkins, the Story Teller.

Mr. Franklin W. Calkins, of Wyoming, Wis., who writes many interesting stories for the "Youth's Companion," says:

"Food can make or unmake a writer. For a number of years, living the sedentary life of the writer and student, I suffered all the ills of nervous dyspepsia. I could eat nothing in the morning save a dry crust of toasted bread and a cup of weak coffee. For my dinner at 2 o'clock I had been in the habit of eating raw beefsteak, the only food from which I seemed to get proper nourishment, but no meal was taken without the after pangs of indigestion. I was beginning to get disgusted with life."

"About a year ago a friend suggested Grape-Nuts, telling me of the benefit he had received from the food, and I began with it as directed. I found immediate relief from my indigestion, and in a short time my dyspepsia left me entirely. I have now used Grape-Nuts for a year and have had no trouble with my stomach, having eaten many enjoyable dinners."

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question of silence on such occasions constituting legal absence, and the destruction thereby of a quorum, was, however, decided by the adoption of new rules by the House on February 14, 1890.

Because of his firmness in the matter of ruling, Mr. Reed gained the sobriquet of "crar." His action as Speaker has since been vindicated by the adoption of his rules by succeeding Speakers. Mr. Reed was re-elected by a large majority in September, 1890, but his party having sustained national defeat he was succeeded to the Speakership by Judge Crisp of Georgia, and for the next two terms he was the leader of his party upon the floor.

In the election of 1894 the Republicans were returned to power in the House, and Mr. Reed was again elected Speaker. In 1896 he was a candidate for the Republican nomination for the Presidency before the national convention which met in St. Louis. He was defeated, however, by the late President McKinley, and accepted another nomination for Congress, and was again elected Speaker.

## At Variance With Party.

In 1898 he was elected to the Fifty-sixth Congress, but soon afterward resigned largely because he could not conscientiously agree with his party and the Republican Administration upon the issue of territorial expansion. He continued to entertain views at variance with his party in the respect to its Philippine policy and took no part in succeeding campaigns. Mr. Reed's successor in Congress was the venerable Amos L. Allen, who had been his classmate in college, and was his private secretary during his Congressional career.

Upon leaving Congress Mr. Reed established a residence in New York and took up the practice of law there and enjoyed a large and remunerative clientele. He frequently came to Washington and appeared before the United States Supreme Court.

Mr. Reed was a graphic and forceful writer, as well as a strong and vigorous debater. As a writer he contributed to the "North American Review" articles upon "Our Outlying Province of Alaska," "Democracy at St. Louis," "The President's Letter," being that of Mr. Cleveland accepting the nomination for the Presidency, and "The Limitations of the Speakership." In the "Century" he treated the "Rules of the House of Representatives" forthrightly his policy, and in "Belford's Magazine," "The Protectionists' View of It."

## Charged for Interviews

Mr. Reed instituted the unique practice of requiring payment from newspapers which desired expression of his views for publication. He did so on the ground that he would not be quoted unless his views were expressed exactly as he held them, and declared that this required as much care as the preparation of a legal opinion, for which, of

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## Many Prominent in Public Life Attend—First Assistant Postmaster General Wynne Presides.

## Senator Hanna, Gen. Alger and Representative Babcock Speak—Meet on Terms of Amity.

The Gridiron Club gave its first dinner of the season at the Arlington Hotel last evening. The attendance included many persons prominent in public life and society. The evening was enlivened with much merriment, along the lines for which this organization has long been famous.

## Mr. Wynne Presides.

First Assistant Postmaster General Robert J. Wynne presided, and made spirited introductions of many prominent guests.

Among those who spoke at the dinner were Senator Hanna, Senator Alger, Representative Babcock, Speaker Henderson, President Powers, of the Tanolus Club, the Secretary of War, Representatives A. J. Hopkins and David H. Mercer. Other speakers were Pension Commissioner Ware, Internal Revenue Commissioner Yerkes, and Secretary of Agriculture Wilson.

## Dinner on Gridiron.

The dinner was served on the regular gridiron-formed table. The decorations were excellent, consisting of orchids, American Beauties, and chrysanthemums. The centerpiece of orchids and faraway ferns was flanked on either side by tall vases of long-stemmed American Beauty roses. The effect was daintily beautiful.

A mirror behind the president's chair and below the electric gridiron, which is a feature of the club's dinners, was banked up with maidenhair ferns. In the center, an artistic plaque of Japanese orchids was placed. The other mirrors were banked with ferns, and the plaques were of American Beauties and chrysanthemums. On the propped tables were jars of roses and chrysanthemums, and the cloth itself was covered with leaves, giving a graceful effect.

The Gridiron Club's dinners are all lively affairs, and the fun continues from the time the guests are seated until the gavel falls at midnight. Many of the peculiar skills of the club occurred during the discussion of the following menu:

## The Menu.

Cape Cod Specials.  
Clear Turtle.  
Pimientos.  
Radishes. Celery.  
Salted Almonds. Caviare.

Fried Sole, Tartar Sauce.  
Cucumbers. Potatoes Parisienne.  
Filet of Beef a la Princesse.  
Cauliflower Hollandaise.  
Terrapin, Arlington Style.  
Gridiron Punch.  
English Pheasants, Larder, Bread Sauce.  
Virginia Hominy.  
Cheffonade Salad.  
Cheese Patties.  
Tutti Frutti Ice Cream.

Coffee. Sauterne. Cigars.  
Moet & Chandon Imperial Brut.  
Apollinaris Water.

The most laughable incident of the evening was the appearance of two lusty black bears hunting for the President. One of them was a fake bear, impersonated by a member of the club. The other was the real thing. It took the assembled company some time to grasp the fact that the second bear was a genuine black bear. When it became known the laughter was uproarious. President Wynne told the bears to go to the White House, and the man-bear said he guessed they would go because bears would surely be safe there.

The dinner closed at midnight with touching references to ex-Speaker Reed by Major John M. Carson, for the Gridiron Club, and by Joseph G. Cannon, for the guests. Mr. Reed died almost the moment the dinner closed.

## HAWAIIAN TROUBADOURS ARRIVE IN WASHINGTON

Homesick, They Are Cheered by the Presence of Their Old Queen, Liliuokalani.

Eight Hawaiians, homesick beyond expression, have arrived in Washington and have been cheered into their customary bright spirits by the knowledge that they and their old queen, Liliuokalani, are in the same city.

The visitors are the Royal Hawaiian Troubadours, an octet, which is one of the features of the vaudeville bill announced by Chase's for the ensuing week. They, their queen and Miss Helleluhe, who is the queen's companion and a sister of one of the singers, are together.

Interest in the prospective offerings of this octet is general. According to reports from other cities the members sing admirably, but the most weird and unique music in the world.

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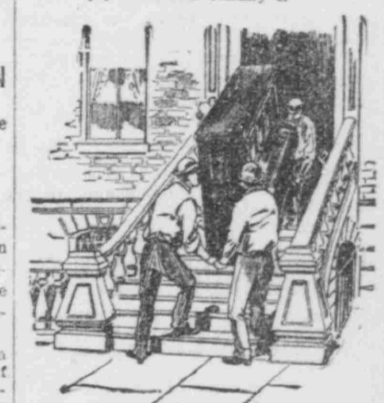
PARIS, Dec. 5.—The examining magistrate in the case of Mrs. Ellen Gore, who was found dead in the apartments of the Russian singer Rydzewski, held a private examination in his chambers today. Consul General Gowdy refuses to say what happened beyond the fact that a representative of the consul was present and that he was certain that the case would be fully and fairly investigated. The examination of witnesses was adjourned until next Tuesday.

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6 ft.x9 ft.....	\$15.00	\$10.50
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6 ft.x10 ft. 6 in.....	\$15.50	\$10.50
7 ft. 6 in.x10 ft. 6 in.....	\$22.50	\$15.50
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